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Helmet Drive intensified

FINE FOR non-ISI helmets

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (RK,MTY& BCT)- The City Police who had launched a crackdown on motorists wearing sub-standard helmets yesterday intensified their drive this morning and imposed a fine of Rs. 100 for violations.

Yesterday, the Police seized over 15,501 helmets (from 9 am to 2 pm) that did not conform to Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) and have kept them at various Traffic Police Stations in city.

"Yesterday's drive - Operation Safe Ride - was to create awareness and from today, we are booking errant riders and pillion and are levying Rs. 100 fine as prescribed in the Central Motor Vehicles Act 1989," said ACP (Traffic) K.N. Madaiah.

"We are seizing the non-ISI mark helmets on-the-spot and are also impounding vehicles. Vehicles are being released only after owners produce the receipts of the new helmet (that conforms to BIS standards) purchase," he told *Star of Mysore*.

In today's drive, Police personnel belonging to traffic and law and order were involved in the operation. Even Policemen and retired cops were not spared and their helmets were also seized, said Madaiah. He added that they were forced to carry out the drive after motorists were found wearing sub-standard helmets despite several awareness campaigns.

A Policeman is seen arranging the seized helmets at K.R. Police Station this morning.

Police clarified that they have not seized the helmets, but taken them away to discipline the users and kept them at the respective Police Stations. The drive was planned keeping safety in mind, as most of the two-wheeler users who have died of head injuries wore non-ISI mark helmets.

(See HELMET on page 9)

Bird Flu scare in Bengaluru

Mysuru Zoo, MCC on high alert

File photo of workers spraying viral disinfectants at city Zoo last year.

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (VNS)- With bird flu cases reported in Bengaluru, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has taken precautionary measures to prevent the spread of the disease in city.

MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha has instructed the concerned officials to keep an eye on the poultry being brought to the city from other cities and States.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Jagadeesha said that he had instructed the officials to visit chicken centres and poultry farms in city limits and conduct thorough checks.

The Department of Animal Husbandry has also taken measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

Deputy Director Dr. P.M. Prasad Murthy told *SOM* that the officials were collecting samples of droppings from various poultry farms in the district and the same were being sent to laboratory for tests.

"We have been conducting regular surveillance throughout the district. This apart, the poultry owners have been instructed to inform the Department in case of bird deaths", he added.

The Mysuru Zoo has also been monitoring the birds with the Zoo workers spraying viral disinfectants near the bird enclosures to make sure the winged beauties are safe.

"Bird Flu mainly spreads through migratory birds. The chances of birds being infected with avian influenza is less in the Zoo as there are no migratory birds," said Zoo Executive Director C. Ravishankar.

It may be recalled that the city Zoo was shut for a month from Jan. 4, 2017 after the lab reports had confirmed that six free-ranging and migratory birds had died due to avian influenza (H5N8) in Dec. 2016.

KSOU to file contempt case against UGC in High Court

Open Varsity VC in New Delhi, to meet UGC Chairman this evening

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (RK&BCT)- The Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) is likely to file Contempt of Court case against the University Grants Commission (UGC) for not obeying the direction over granting renewal of affiliation.

On December 12, 2017, the High Court of Karnataka issued an order directing UGC to give recognition to KSOU for 2017-18 academic year within two weeks of the order and the UGC has not communicated anything to the University so far.

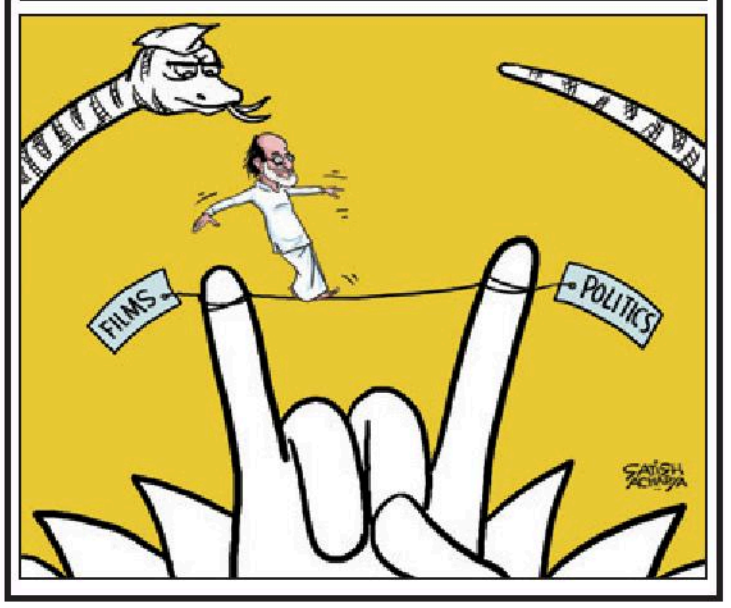
Prof. Shivalingaiah Prof. Singh

KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.N. Shivalingaiah is in New Delhi and will meet the newly appointed UGC Chairman Prof. D.P. Singh at 3 pm today.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Prof. Shivalingaiah said that he was meeting the UGC Chairman as a last try.

"The minutes of the meeting will be placed before the Board of Management meeting (BoM) scheduled to be held on January 10. The BoM meeting was scheduled to be held on Wednesday (January 3), but as we all decided to approach the UGC one last time to get our affiliation, we postponed the meeting," Vice-Chancellor Prof. Shivalingaiah said.

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Wednesday 3rd January 2018

Affluence amidst poverty

A few features of the land and its masses are flashed regularly in the columns of dailies of all hues in various languages. Two such features, namely *poverty* and *corruption*, both of which apply to a humongous number in the country's population of 135 crore and counting, are taken by the readers of dailies in their stride. The twin phenomenons have a strange but valid connect. The erstwhile poor, getting a foothold in any government job, making their daily bread by being corrupt, move from the society's poor section to that of the affluent, which doesn't require any elaboration. The select vote-seekers, who make it to the *gaddi* as it were in the government after every election to any of the democratically constituted bodies, stand out as glaring examples of the country's *nouveau riche* (new rich). Babudom provides examples in matching numbers.

While being poor or affluent is for individuals to experience respectively with misery or joy, the economic health of their nation remains to be grist for the country's Finance Minister and well-marked global bodies doling funds to projects launched by the government. We get to read statements coming from these sources about the nation's financial status leaving everyone guessing who is right and who is wrong.

Figures of the estimated percentage of poor people in India's population published on and off apparently attracts far less attention than figures of the numbers of high net worth individuals and the money worth of their *known* assets. Understandably, the counterparts of these identified affluent gentries, who operate with immense money power, called parallel economy, prefer to remain incognito, although their dominating role both in commerce and administration is everybody's knowledge. That is the beginning of the corruption story, but not the end. If the upright section in society, either by choice or lack of opportunities to lay their hands on tainted money, prefer to remain upright, it is up to them.

Achieving a makeover from the status of poor citizen of India to an affluent one is not everybody's cup of tea. However, the young among the adults are obliged to bestir themselves to get cracking by learning about the rags-to-riches stories of some who are living examples.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Just one person is standing in the way of your exercising the right to bunk office so close to the New Year. That person happens to be your boss, who according to office-goers across the world is a bully, intrusive, controlling, picky and petty creature. So what do you tell him? After all, it has to sound credible enough. "Sir, I am not well today" will hardly wash, as this dialogue has been used generations by generations. While your boss will perhaps allow leave, he will immediately link it with the New Year revelries and can label you a shirker. A lot of people use 'personal emergency' as the reason. But this is too vague as it can mean anything from fatigue to an appointment with your hairdresser, and your boss knows it. So it's avoidable. Think about a reason that the boss finds hard to turn down — something that sounds important, that's time-dependent and requires you to be somewhere else.
— Shyamal Majumdar in Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Igloo made using washing up bowl!

Worcestershire: Ben Crutch says it was "like building a sand castle but with ice" and despite it going well, he should have "googled the method." Ben Crutch realised when he woke up on Sunday morning that the time had come to tick an item off his "bucket list." While he had wanted to build an igloo before, "there had never been enough snow."

But after seeing lots of the cold, fluffy white stuff in the garden on Sunday morning, the 29-year-old from Redditch turned to his girlfriend Jodie Giles and said: "I'm going to build an Igloo." Eight hours later, after making about 500 ice brick by packing snow into a small washing up bowl, and fashioning them into a small home complete with light, a door and a window, he was finished. It was "almost like a sand castle", he said, "but with ice." After he began to make progress, the others joined him, using a wheelbarrow to collect fresh snow. The finished structure, more than seven feet tall, was cosy. "The ice works as a good thermal wall," Ben said. "It was actually really warm in there."

Underwater wedding

Florida: Briton Thomas Mould and American Sandra Hyde used an underwater tablet to exchange vows near Molasses Reef off the Florida Keys.

A British army sergeant and a former diving instructor have taken the plunge for an underwater wedding. Thomas Mould, from Leicester, and American Sandra Hyde staged the unusual ceremony in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The couple, who have been together for four years, used an underwater tablet to exchange wedding vows beside Molasses Reef off Key Largo.

They had planned a summer wedding in an old English church but decided an underwater ceremony would be more appropriate and more cost-effective. Thomas met Sandra in 2013 while on a dive trip with the Army in the Florida Keys, where she worked as an instructor. The pair stayed in touch and visited each other a number of times in the US and UK. The couple are on honeymoon in Florida and will return to England to live.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

What fruits are best at fighting cancer?

Lemons and cranberries are the best cancer fighters among popular American fruits. Lemon peels contain terpenes, like D-Limonene that have impressive cancer prevention benefits. Cranberry extract has been shown to both prevent cancer cell growth and promote cancer cell death.

**Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

American Professor delivers talk at St.Joseph's FGC

Mysuru, Jan.3 - A talk on 'Invasion of Privacy' by a renowned scholar Dr. Nikhil Moro, Professor and Department Chair of Mass Communication, Norfolk, State University, Virginia, USA, was organised at St. Joseph's First Grade College (FGC) in Jayalakshmipuram recently.

Sharing his vast experience and expertise in the law of India and America, he said that, the history of privacy could be earmarked in ancient Indian times of *Dharma Shastra* that gained prominence and legal structure during 19th century. Privacy law is a penumbra under the wing of civil law, which is significant in the US when compared to India, he opined.

Appropriation of name or likeness for commercial purpose, publication of private and embarrassing facts, publishing material that depicts an individual in false light and intrusion upon solitude were the four major torts discussed in the session.

The talk was held in association with UGC-UPE-FA-II, University with Potential for Excellence Project, Department of Studies in Communication and Journalism, Manasagangothri, University of Mysore.

The ability of philosophical questioning, caring for other species and craving to live on our legacy is what makes us human, said the AEJMC award winner.

Really...?

- ***Magnetic Hill is a gravity hill located near Leh in Ladakh, India. The hill is alleged to have magnetic properties strong enough to pull cars uphill and force passing aircraft to increase their altitude in order to escape magnetic interference.***
- ***English Actor Sir Ben Kingsley's birth name is Krishna Pandit Bhanji and he is of Indian descent.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A man went to face an interview. Board of Directors asked him: "Tell the difference between "COMPLETE" and "FINISH." The man replied: I am clarifying with the example, "When you marry a right person you are 'Complete' and when you marry the wrong one you are 'Finish'!"

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 63.54
1 UK Pound	Rs. 86.40
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 17.30
1 Euro	= Rs. 76.56

VOICE OF THE READER

Penicillin is no more a wonder drug

Sir,

Apropos KBG's *Abracadabra* titled the ***Winter of Flu and Fever*** *(SOM* dated Dec. 29), I wish to clarify to the common man that Influenza, a disease caused by a virus, is not treated with Penicillin, an antibacterial agent.

The discovery of Penicillin marked the antibiotic era but in present day clinical practice we are facing the problem of multi-drug resistance among bacteria. **The wonder drug has long ceased its magic and many a drug discovered later have also been unable to withstand the survival strategies of bacteria.**

In fact the injudicious use of antibiotics, many a time when not warranted, as exemplified by prescribing Penicillin for Influenza, threaten to take us back to the pre-antibiotic era. The Influenza virus comes back time and again with a recombined genome, incorporating genetic material from birds and pigs alike; the vaccine developed against a seasonal strain not efficacious in the one to succeed. So the research to predict the strain and be armed with a vaccine is an ongoing exercise in laboratories worldwide.

It takes many years and millions of money to develop a newer antibiotic molecule. The battle between man and microbes seems to be tipping in favour of the invisible, and unless we **adapt prudence in judicious use of antibiotics,** we will be risking the health of future generations to come.

The right antibiotic at the right time, in right dose and for the right cause should be the mantra to combat the threat of anti-microbial resistance.

— Dr. Madhuri Kulkarni,
Professor of Microbiology,
JSS Medical College
Mysuru 30.12.2017

Guv to inaugurate Conference of Indian Speech and Hearing Association in city

Mysuru, Jan. 3- The Mysuru Chapter of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association (MyISHA) will be hosting the Golden Jubilee Conference of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association (ISHA) from Jan. 5 to 7 at All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) in city.

Vajubhai Vala

The 50th Annual Convention of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association [50th ISHACON] will be inaugurated by Governor Vajubhai R. Vala on Jan. 5 at 6.15 pm at AIISH Gymkhana, Bogadi Road. Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will be the guest of honour.

The conference will be attended by over 2,000 Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists from India and abroad.

The scientific session will start with a homage to the Founders of the Indian Speech and Hearing Association. Dr. N. Rathna, Prof. Ramesh Oza and Dr. Shailaja Nikam, signatories to the Memorandum of Association of ISHA, in 1967 will reminisce about the Golden Era of ISHA. Other senior members of the Association, Dr. N.P. Nataraja, Dr. M. Jayaram and Dr. N. Shivashankar will also be addressing the delegates.

The deliberations and discussions during this conference will add a wealth of knowledge to the participants who will learn about state-of-the-art techniques in diagnosis and rehabilitation of communication problems.

Experts will deliver lectures on diverse topics such as language recovery in Aphasia, paediatric feeding disorders and intervention, professional voice management, motor speech disorders in neuro-developmental syndromes, dead regions of the cochlea, clinical applications of OAE, cross check principles in Diagnostic Audiology, certification of disability and funding opportunities for aids and appliances.

Prior to the conference, six workshops are scheduled on Jan. 4 to enable the delegates to get in-depth hands-on training on specific topics.

Around 50 stalls will be put-up by different companies related to speech and hearing exhibiting their products and recent technical advances. The vision document will be released as part of the conference.

Dr. Asha Yathiraj, Professor of Audiology, AIISH, is the Organising Chairperson and Dr. S.P. Goswami, Professor of Speech-Language Pathology, AIISH, is the Organising Secretary of the 50th ISHACON. For details, visit *www.ishacon.com*

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NEWS BRIEFS

Free workshop for SSLC students

Namma Yadavagiri Residents Association is conducting a free workshop for students appearing for SSLC examination titled 'Impulse-2018' on Jan.7. The workshop is being held to provide insight to students about facing exams, positive thinking and future prospects. Last date for registration is Jan.5. For registration and details, contact Mob: 95383-75363 or 99003-06575 or 94480-64372.

KSTDC tour of temples

Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC), Mysuru Division, has organised a tour of the temples of Dakshina Kannada covering Horanadu, Kalasha Srigeri, Murudeshwar, Udupi, Kateel, Mangaluru, Dharmasthala and Kukke Subramanya. The tour will be on every Thursday leaving Mysuru at 9 pm and returning on the following Monday at 5 am in an air-conditioned vehicle. The fare is Rs.4,550 per person. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2423652 or 4265498 or 89706-50008 or visit: www.kstdc.com

Quiz in High Schools

Kannada Pustaka Pradikara intends to organise a quiz and a presentation contest on 'My favourite book' at all High Schools in the State covering Government, aided and private school. The Heads of High Schools should apply to the Pradhikara before Jan.20 and seek permission to hold the contest also furnishing particulars of the School and names of two Judges invited to judge the contest. The Pradhikara will bear the expense to a maximum of Rs.5,000 for the contest. Applications may be submitted to the Administrative Officer, Kannada Pustaka Pradhikara, Kannada Bhavana, J.C. Road, Bengaluru-560002. For details, contact Ph: 080-22484516 or 22107704 or visit www.kannadapustakapradhikara.com

Driving training

Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is offering a free training in driving Light and Heavy Motor Vehicles for eligible unemployed candidates through Motor Driving School, Malavalli. The desirous candidates should register their names at www.kaushalkar.com or at the said driving school. For details, contact Mob: 77609-90137 or 77609-90277 or 96632-66889, according to a release.

Annual Meeting

The AGM of Uluchukamme Brahmana Sangha will be held on Jan.7 at 10 am at Agarwal Kalyana Mantap in Srirampet, according to a press release from Association Secretary M.N. Lokesh.

Mayoral polls: Government announces reservation favouring Congress

Mysuru, Jan.3 (SBD&DM)- The State Congress Government after dilly-dallying for nearly a month, announced the reservation for the MCC Mayoral polls.

According to the announcement, the Mayor post has been reserved for Scheduled Caste (woman) category and the Deputy Mayor post for Scheduled Tribe (woman) category. Playing the reservation card, the Congress is trying to wrest the last term of Mayor in the MCC Council, which ends in September.

As per the special gazette notification issued by the Urban Development Secretariat on Jan.1, Mayor's post is reserved for SC (woman) and the Deputy Mayor's post for ST woman. While there are two eligible candidates for the Mayor's post in the Congress — **Kamala Uday and S. Bhagyavathi,** there are none from BJP and JD(S), which are the present ruling coalition.

There is only one ST woman in the JD(S) — **Indira Mahesh,** who represents Ward 61. While Kamala Uday represents Ward 50 coming under Narasimaharaja Constituency, Bhagyavathi represents Ward 23 under Chamaraja Assembly Constituency. The posts of Mayor and Deputy Mayor fell vacant following the end of the term of Mayor M.J. Ravikumar of the JD(S) and Dy. Mayor Rathna Lakshman of the BJP on Dec.6, 2017.

The JD(S) and BJP shared power in the first four terms in the MCC since the Council was elected, forcing the Congress to play the role of Opposition.

In the 65-member MCC, the Congress has 20 members, JD(S) 20, BJP 13, SDPI 2, KJP and BSR Congress one each and eight Independents. The lone KJP Member B.L. Bhyrappa and Independent Corporator Ashwini Ananthu joined the JD(S), taking its strength to 22.

S. Bhagyavathi | Kamala Uday | Indira Mahesh

The BSR Congress member has joined the SDPI taking the SDPI's tally to three, with all the three expressing their support to the Congress, the Congress strength rose to 23. Besides, the Congress has three MLAs (Vasu, M.K. Somashekar and Tanveer Sait) and a MLC (R. Dharmasena). Hence the Congress has 27 votes in all.

The JD(S) has an MLA (G.T. Devegowda) and three MLCs (Sandesh Nagaraj, K.T. Srikantegowda and Marithibbegowda) taking its tally to 26. The BJP has an MP (Pratap Simha) and so it is assured of 14 votes.

With the Government announcing the reservation for MCC Mayoral polls, the Congress in a move aimed at wresting the Mayor's post, which remained elusive to it in the first four terms of the present Council, seems to take advantage with the Assembly polls just a couple of months away.

Also, by reserving both the posts to women, the Congress seems to have targeted women voters and at the same time consolidate its SC/ST vote base in the Chief Minister's home district of Mysuru.

Even as the State Congress Government announced the Mayoral poll reservation, the leaders of top three political parties have aired their own opinions about the reservation matrix.

Welcoming the reservation matrix, Congress leader Shaukath Pasha said that the Congress has two candidates for the Mayor post and the party's Mayor candidate will be announced after the city Congress discusses the matter with all party leaders, Legislators and the District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa. The outcome of the discussions will be made known to CM Siddharamaiah and KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara, following which the candidate will be finally decided.

Senior JD(S) Corporator K.T. Cheluvegowda, who is also the city JD(S) President, alleged that the Congress Government had announced the reservation only with political consideration, as the ruling JD(S)-BJP combine did not have a SC woman Corporator to contest for the Mayor post. Pointing out that the Government had violated the Roster system in announcing the reservation, he said that the Mayor post had not been reserved for ST women candidate for the past 10 years. The Government seemed to have bypassed the Roster system only for political gains and also to deny the post to JD(S)-BJP coalition, which ruled the MCC for the first four terms of the Council, he added.

BJP leader M.B. Jagadish said that Congress Govt. has announced the reservation to take advantage of the fact that both JD(S) and BJP had no SC (woman) Corporator. Now that the reservation has been announced, the BJP leaders will discuss the matter and decide on the party's next move, he said and added that reservation is to the advantage of the Congress, which is looking to unfairly take control of the MCC with the Assembly polls just a couple of months away.

Bike-rider falls to death

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (SBD&KS) - A 48-year-old man, who suffered serious head injuries after he fell from his bike, died at a hospital after failing to respond to the treatment. The deceased man has been identified as Shivakumar, a resident of Chikkanandi village in the taluk.

Shivakumar, who had come to Mysuru to sell Avarekai, was returning to his village, when he lost control of the bike and fell down near Udbur Gate resulting in him suffering from serious head injuries and admitted to a hospital where he breathed his last.

Mysuru Rural Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

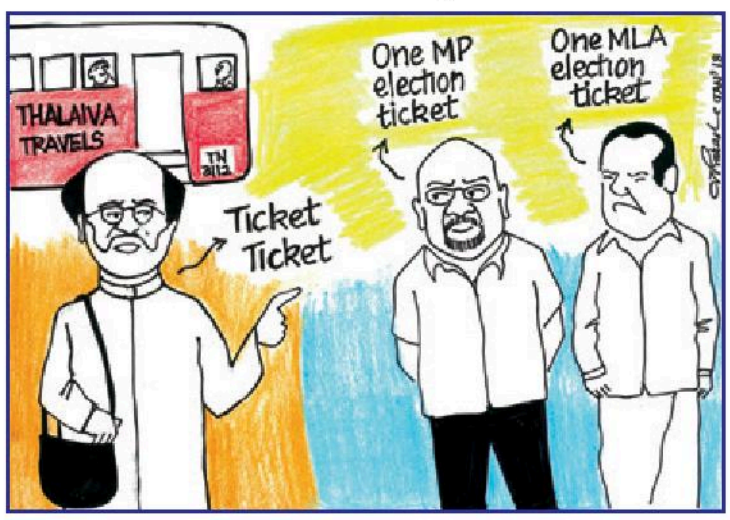
Girl injured as car rams

Mysuru, Jan.3 (KS)- A girl, who was playing near her house in Rajivnagar 4th Stage, suffered serious injuries when a speeding car hit her.

The injured girl has been identified as Sahira Kausar, who is undergoing treatment at Narayana Multispeciality Hospital here.

The mishap took place on Monday afternoon, when a speeding car (KA-55 M-8017) hit Sahira while she was playing. Siddarthanagar Traffic Police, who have registered a case based on a complaint, are investigating.

TEASER By N. Prakash



Electric buses to ply between Mysuru-Bengaluru soon

Bengaluru, Jan. 3 (KMS&BCT)- The much talked about electric buses would begin services in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Tumakuru and Kolar soon and in the first phase, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will acquire 150 such buses on a lease basis.

Picture for representation only.

Transport Minister H.M. Revanna told reporters here yesterday that the tender process for availing services was complete and soon the buses would be inducted to BMTC. Though the Centre was providing subsidy for electric buses, the Government would not be purchasing them. The companies would operate and maintain the buses while the BMTC would enter into rate contract with the operators, he said.

Meanwhile, the Government had decided to induct more buses for inter-city services such as Bengaluru-Mysuru, Bengaluru-Tumakuru and Bengaluru-Kolar. Since the buses can travel only up to 200 kilometres per charge, long distance buses would not be opted for. Even those buses would be leased out to respective Transport Corporations, he said. Meanwhile, taking into account the losses made by Volvo buses, the Government had reduced fares from 15% to 35%. The aim was to attract more passengers to travel in Volvo buses, Revanna said.

The 150 electricity buses that will be acquired by the BMTC will be operated for 10 years. If all goes as planned, the BMTC will be the first State-run Corporation in the country to operate electric buses on 'Gross Cost Model.' The successful bidder will be paid by the BMTC on a contracted rate per kilometre basis.

The BMTC will deploy conductors in each bus to collect the fare and decide the quantum of fare, the routes, and schedule of operations after reaching an understanding with the operator.

"A few years ago, the cost of a single electric bus was Rs.2.5 crore. We are hoping the price will come down as the result of falling battery costs," said an official. "The operator will receive an incentive under the scheme for Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles India (FAME India), which is Rs.1 crore per bus. The project cost may be lower than Rs. 300 crore," an official said.

The operator should make sure that each bus runs for 200 kilometres every day, and that the entire fleet of 150 buses should be available for operations with manpower and supervising technical staff.

Rahul Gandhi to visit temples and Mutts in State

Rahul Gandhi

Bengaluru, Jan. 3- With the Karnataka Assembly polls fast approaching, AICC President Rahul Gandhi will undertake a temple run in the State, visiting temples and Mutts in the coming days. Rahul Gandhi in the run up to Gujarat Assembly polls recently, had visited many temples in Gujarat and the Assembly elections result seems to have inspired the newly-elected Congress President to do the same in poll-bound Karnataka.

Speaking to press persons here yesterday, Energy Minister D.K. Shivakumar, who is also the KPCC Working President, said that Rahul Gandhi will visit several prominent temples and Mutts during his poll campaign in the State.

Maintaining that Hindu temples were not limited to one party alone, Shivakumar, with directly referring to the BJP, said that one party was out to take political advantage over temple and Mutt issues.

Claiming that the Nehru family and Sringeri Mutt have a long relationship, he said that Rajiv Gandhi used to frequently visit Sringeri Mutt and as such there was nothing special about Rahul Gandhi's probable visit to the Mutt.

Asserting that the Congress would return to power in the forthcoming Assembly polls, Shivakumar said that the Party's own surveys had been favourable to the party.

Explaining the development works taken up by the Government in Ramanagaram district, he said that sitting Channapatna MLA C.P. Yogeshwar, who has parted ways with the Congress and joined the BJP, would not certainly win the polls this time.

Stating that many leaders from other parties were waiting to join the Congress, the Energy Minister said that Kudligi MLA B. Nagendra was one such leader and many others would follow him.

State Budget on Feb.16

Bengaluru, Jan.3- The State Budget for 2018-19 will be presented in the Legislature on Feb.16. CM Siddharamaiah, who holds the Finance portfolio, will be presenting his 13th Budget.

The Government has decided to advance the Budget presentation in view of the Assembly elections. Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting yesterday, Law Minister T.B. Jayachandra said that the Budget Session would go on till Feb.28. Governor Vajubhai R. Vala will address the Joint Session of Legislature on Feb.5.

H.V Rajeev Sneha Balaga completes 200 weeks of Cleanliness Campaign

K.R. Hospital Psychiatrist Dr. Raveesh inaugurating the function organised by H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar yesterday to mark the 200th Week of Swachh Bharath Campaign of the Balaga and release of a documentary on cleanliness awareness as others look on.

Mysuru, Jan.3 (SPN&US)- H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga had organised a function at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar here yesterday to mark the 200th Week of Swachh Bharath Campaign of the Balaga and release of a documentary on cleanliness awareness.

Inaugurating the programme K.R. Hospital Psychiatrist Dr. Raveesh opined that preserving the cleanliness of city was the responsibility of everyone and commended the Balaga in carrying on the cleanliness campaign in city one day in a week for the last three years. He appreciated the documentary which depicts school students creating awareness on cleanliness among public.

BJP leader H.V. Rajeev was felicitated on the occasion.

Actors Tennis Krishna, Satyajit, Aravind, former Corporator Parthasarathy, Documentary Producer Jeeva Pravi, Director Raj Venki and others were present.

KHB scam: Hearing on anticipatory bail plea of accused adjourned to tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.3 (SBM&DM)- City's third District and Sessions Court yesterday adjourned the hearing on the anticipatory bail plea of the accused in the alleged KHB land acquisition scam, to Jan.4. Yesterday, Government Special Public Prosecutor Muthamma filed objection to the anticipatory bail plea, citing that prima facie, it is found that farmers have bean cheated in payment of compensation, with middlemen pocketing money and there were high chances of the accused destroying evidence if they were granted bail.

The Judge, who heard arguments from both the sides, adjourned the hearing to Jan.4.

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Pet Talk

Maneka Gandhi

In this week's Pet Talk, Maneka explains how intelligent, curious, adaptive and loyal are chickens.

Are chickens birdbrained?

I have kept them and I find them extremely intelligent, curious, adaptive, loyal and fierce in their defence. If I didn't keep abandoned and mutilated dogs, I would certainly keep only chickens and pigs. Both speak languages and are almost human-like. Summary: They have distinct personalities and can outmanoeuvre one another. They know their place in the pecking order, and can reason by deduction: which is an ability that humans develop by the age of seven. Chicken intelligence is therefore unnecessarily underestimated. Scientists working for The Someone Project, who reviewed the latest research about the psychology, behaviour and emotions of the world's most abundant domestic animal, published their findings in the journal Animal Cognition.

Research has shown that chickens have some sense of numbers. Experiments with newly hatched domestic chicks showed they can discriminate between quantities. Five-day-old chicks presented with two sets of objects, of different quantities disappearing behind two screens, were able to successfully track which one hid the larger number, by apparently performing simple arithmetic in the form of addition and subtraction.

Chickens are also able to remember the trajectory of a hidden ball if they see the ball moving, and up to one minute if the displacement of the ball is invisible to them.

The birds possess self-control when it comes to holding out for a better food reward. They are able to self-assess their position in the pecking order. These two characteristics are indicative of self-awareness.

Chicken communication is also quite complex, and consists of a large repertoire of different visual displays and at least 24 distinct vocalisations. The birds use signals such as calls, displays and whistles to convey information. They may use this to sound the alarm when there is danger, for instance. This ability requires some level of self-awareness and being able to take the perspective of another animal, and is also possessed by highly intelligent and social species, including primates.

Chickens perceive time intervals and can anticipate future events. Like many other animals, they demonstrate their cognitive complexity when placed in social situations requiring them to solve problems.

The birds are able to experience a range of complex negative and positive emotions, including fear, anticipation and anxiety. They make decisions based on what is best for them. They also possess a simple form of empathy called emotional contagion. Not only do individual chickens have distinct personalities, but mother hens also show a range of individual maternal personality traits which appear to affect the behaviour of their chicks. The birds can deceive one another, and they watch and learn from each other. Meanwhile, hens and chicks learn to play games and can remember how to play them. They also remember their favourite special foods.

While birds make complex nests, are there any creatures that can make houses like ours?

Termites build extraordinary structures that perfectly fit their needs. Their mounds have chambers that suit specific functions (bedrooms, nurseries, bathrooms, kitchens, trash areas), connecting tunnels that allow large crowds to pass in both directions, and air flow that keeps the nest cool during the day and warm during the night. Designing such structures out of simple materials proves difficult even for human architects, yet it appears effortless for the termite.

Are pigs dirty or clean?

They are among the cleanest domestic animals know-more than dogs and cats. But pig skins are very sensitive to the sun. They don't have sweat glands, so they roll around in the mud to stay cool.

Should there be a ban on animals in circuses?

The Central Zoo Authority has put a ban on all animals in circuses. So if you see any circuses with animals, inform the local administration. The local Wildlife Department will try to get out of any action (you know why) by saying that the animals performing are not "Indian." That means a hippo or large cockatoos. Or they will say that a horse or dogs do not come under the Wildlife Protection Act 1972. These are just excuses to hide a bribe. The circus has probably taken permission to perform from the DFO himself. However, it is now irrelevant whether it is a dog or a foreign animal. The circus has been banned from using animals altogether and the DFO is an agent of the CZA and he has to take action for confiscation.

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Rescued elephant calf dies

A selfie-frenzy mob had separated the nine-month-old from its mother near Omkar Forest Range

Gundlupet, Jan.3 (KS)- The nine-month-old elephant calf, which was rescued by the Forest Department personnel after a selfie-frenzy mob separated it from its mother on Jan.1 and being treated by the veterinarians for exhaustion, died yesterday.

The calf had come to the border of Kurubarahundi village near Omkar Forest Range coming under Bandipur Reserve Forest along with its mother and two other elephants in search of food. While a group of villagers who saw these elephants pelted stones on them in a bid to drive them back to the forest, another group began to click photos and began to make noise besides moving forward towards the elephants. Though an elephant made attempts to charge at the villagers, the villagers again pelted stones and rushed towards the elephants resulting in the elephants moving towards the forest leaving the calf behind. Soon, some villagers caught the already exhausted calf and began to click selfies though the calf was crying for its mother. Soon, the Forest Dept. personnel rushed to the spot and rescued the calf and brought it in a jeep to the Forest Office where it was treated by the veterinarian.

The Forest Staff had planned to leave the calf on the route where its mother left and keep a watch on it, but the health condition of the calf deteriorated further and veterinarian Dr. Nagaraju administered injections and IV fluids to help the calf recover but in vain. The calf breathed its last later in the day.

RFO Naveen Kumar said that the carcass of the calf would be cremated after conducting post-mortem and discussing with senior officials. Meanwhile, the mother and two elephants, which did not enter the forest, were seen at the border of the forest waiting for the calf.

Glass House at Kuppanna Park likely to open by mid February

Mysuru, Jan.3 (SV) - The Glass House that has been under construction at the Kuppanna Park in city since a year, on the lines of the one at Lalbagh in Bengaluru, will be finally completed by mid February.

This project was initially under the care of the Horticulture Department and now the baton has been handed over to Public Works Department (PWD), who with assistance from Nikitha Build-Tech Pvt. Ltd., are constructing the huge structure that will house varieties of plants.

The dome-like magnificent white steel structure stands tall at the centre of the Kuppanna Park, also known as Nishad Bagh, as the fabrication process is completed and the installation of glass panes is still pending.

A Glass House, generally known as Green House or Hot House, is a space wherein plants can be grown throughout the year giving it required amount of heat and temperature. The house with glass roofs and panes will trap heat and also have additional vents to let out excess heat.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, D. Manjunath, Deputy Director of Horticulture, Mysuru, said, "The Glass House should be ready by the second week of February. We have given different contracts to different people catering to the construction such as glass installation, cementing etc. The estimated cost of the entire construction of the project is around Rs. 5.95 crore."

The glass area of the structure spreads to about 25,000 sq. feet and the steel structure weighs (without the glass) about 100 tonnes. The Glass House is raised on a platform height of about 1.5 mts and is 21 metre high and spreads to about 2,000 sq. mts. The structure will have special solar tempered glass panes to trap heat and provide suitable condition for plant growth. Argo Facades, a manufacturing company related to structural glazing, structural glazing systems, aluminium double glazing sound proof system and glazing service was taking care of the construction works.

Anand Das, Managing Director of Argo Facades, said, "The Glass House has four entry points and an elevated platform and the entire steel structure weighing 100 tonnes is firmly based on the ground. The work is expected to complete soon and tourists can visit the place by February end. We have kept a target to open it by Feb.15."

On being asked about the dimensions and the materials (used to construct the Glass House), he said that those details cannot be revealed.

Kuppana Park, which was one of the tourist attracting spots for its Flower Shows and Musical Fountains, will reach a higher level once the Glass House is completed and will result in more public inflow and also ensure plant growth development and conservation of biodiversity.

Miscreants destroy plantain farm near Bannur

Jealousy cause for heinous act, say farmer leaders

Plantain crops destroyed by miscreants lying scattered at a farm near Bannur on Monday.

Bannur, Jan. 3 (Prabhu-&NNN)- In a gut-wrenching incident, a plantation farm in Athalli village limits near Bannur was completely destroyed by miscreants on Dec.31 night and the incident came to light on Jan.1

The one-and-a-half acre farm belongs to Ramprasad and he had grown plantains. In another two months, the plantains were ready for picking. However, on the night of Dec.31, the miscreants entered the farm and destroyed the plantain crops.

In the morning when the owner's children went to the farm, they were shocked to see the plantain trees with leaves on the ground. Ramprasad who had borrowed money from private lenders had put his heart and soul into growing bananas. It is said that a few persons became jealous on seeing the crop and destroyed it.

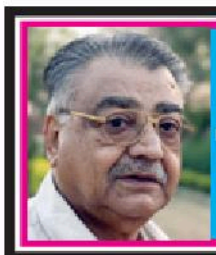
The farm lies adjoining the Kunthanahalli village and there is lot of movement of people. In spite of this, on the eve of New Year, miscreants have destroyed around 1,900 plants. The owner had gone to Shivamogga on some work and his children Vinaya Prasad and Vijaya Prasad had gone to Mysuru. Those who knew of their absence must have indulged in this heinous act, said the farmer leaders.

Cane Growers Association Organising Secretary Athalli Devaraju said one can understand from this incident how there is no protection to the farmers or the crops in the State. "I am really concerned about my friend who had taken loan and invested it in the farm to grow bananas. When one sees the destruction, anyone will have tears in their eyes. The miscreants should be identified and the loss made good," he urged.

District General Secretary Kirangur Shankar said, nearly Rs. three lakh worth of crops has been destroyed. The Police department should immediately take action and arrest the miscreants.

If Fasal Bhima Scheme of the Government is introduced to the cane and plantain growers too, then when such incidents occur, they can be covered.

Already the incident has been brought to the notice of Taluk Tahsildar and Horticulture Department and steps should be taken to see that such incidents do not occur again, he demanded.



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By K.B. Ganapathy

Dynastic Democracy?

Welcome People's Democracy

Ashwini Nachappa

Rahul Gandhi

"Eversince the break up of the Old Congress in 1967 into Congress (R) and Congress (O), the Congress has remained the family property of the Nehrus — scandalous state of affairs. The party has to get back to the people to whom it really belongs."

— M.V. Kamath, renowned journalist and author.

Actors, sportspersons and athletes change their roles seamlessly, smoothly when their top-form, heydays, of glory begin to fade and they appear before us in a different avatar. One such among many is **Ashwini Nachappa**, a former athlete, an accidental film star and the one who has done proud to Kodava community. I share this pride because I too belong to this community. Let it be.

Ashwini Nachappa whom I had met only once, that too in an unlikely place of Visa Office in Bengaluru a couple of years back, is indeed an affable person to talk to sans the burden of her golden days of name, fame and money.

I know she writes a column for *The Week* magazine and I read her column selectively depending upon the subject. Her column in the January 7, 2018 issue of *The Week* titled ***"70 years of Rajas and Ranis"*** is the one that interested me. First, for its theme and second for her clinical analysis of Indian democracy rooted in thousands of years of feudalistic mindset. The inference is that this democracy defined by dynasty is one of the reasons for the staggering, slow growth of progress in all walks of life, including sports and games. She must know.

According to her, Indian subcontinent was never one country till we got a divided subcontinent in 1947 — 70 years ago. Pakistan became one country and India another. However, she says, "India is an idea that is 70 years old. An idea that was founded around the principle of **democracy** encompassing a single unified country."

Well, the **idea** has become a country! But the pseudo-secularists and the left-ideologues are still toying with the idea of India as a mere idea and not one Hindu majority country. Worse, their prognosis that this country, in time to come, would be fragmented as it was for thousands of years when ruled by Kings belonging to dynasties or families. These are the Prophets of doom but there is some truth in their fears. Be that as it may, the rightists believe that it is the wish of the leftists and the minority.

Voters in our democracy are still under the spell of feudalism, accepting dynasties and families as their leaders. This seems to be the reality according to the article. **Which is why "those who are 'democratically' elected to govern become the new Rajas and Ranis as we have seen across all spheres of living in our country in the past 70 years."** That is since independence. It is, therefore, not surprising that **David Selbourne, journalist, has famously declared that "The Indians may have a vote but they are not represented." How true!**

This undemocratic trend, in the name of democracy, is seen in the manner we elect our President and the Prime Minister — indirectly and on consideration of family or dynasty, opine some Pundits.

And here is the truth. Knowing that our people have been ruled for thousands of years by successive generations of families and dynasties and as a result are mentally conditioned to accept such rulers, **the post-independence rulers had a patriotic and moral responsibility.** That responsibility is, those who have come to occupy power under democracy, like for example Nehru-Gandhi dynasty or families, should have worked to change the mindset of the people through proper education, new policies and above all by personal example of discarding perpetuation of family rule.

Sadly, "one family did everything to keep the same old conditioning to continue. And clearly it has served the family and the party well." I am sure, you have guessed the family and the party. Soon, there appeared in different States of our country leaders who followed the first family of Indian democracy. This trend lasted till 2014 when BJP (NDA) came to power and put India first and the family interest last.

The fact that Rahul Gandhi was unopposed for the post of the President of the Congress Party, says Ashwini Nachappa, is a sign of the same trend of kowtowing to a family rule like in the past thousands of years ago in the Indian subcontinent. What surprises me is that the senior members of the Congress Party, among them those highly educated and achievers in their own profession of prestige with qualifications from Cambridge and Harvard, meekly submitting to the dynasty that has no leadership quality to lead the world's biggest democracy that India is.

And then she bemoans: "I see this mentality everywhere I go, especially in sports, which has been an integral part of my life." She elaborated her opinion with examples and in despair wrote: "How can there be real democracy... Democracy is just an idea sans reality."

It is time we reinvented democracy, jettisoning a thousand years' mindset, to suit the 21st century idea of Liberty, Freedom of Choice, Equality and Fraternity. *Jai Hind.*

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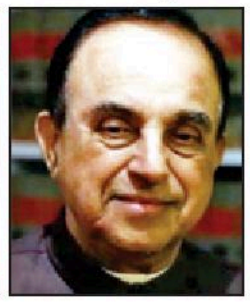
CODAVA QUEST FOR AUTONOMY

Rajnath Singh reciprocates to Dr. Swamy's letter

Rajnath Singh



Dr. Subramanian Swamy

N.U. Nachappa

Mysuru, Jan. 3- Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has reciprocated to the letter addressed to him by former Union Minister and present Rajya Sabha MP Dr. Subramanian Swamy, pressing for favourable consideration of the representation made by Codava National Council (CNC).

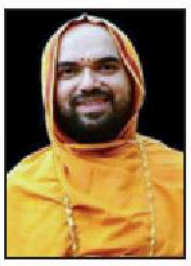
In his letter dated Dec. 20, 2017, Rajnath Singh said, "*Dear Dr. Swamy Ji, I have received your letter dated Nov.14, 2017 enclosing a copy of press release regarding Codava Quest for Autonomy issued by Codava National Council.*"

It may be recalled, Dr. Swamy, who had addressed a massive gathering of thousands of people at the 27th Codava National Day organised by CNC at Gandhi Maidan in Madikeri on Nov. 26, had assured that he would help Kodagu get Special Autonomy Status.

N.U. Nachappa, President of CNC, who is spearheading the Codava Quest for Autonomy, hopes that Rajnath Singh will definitely do his best in considering CNC's insistence for Codava Land Autonomy. He also thanked Dr. Subramanian Swamy for keeping his promise made to Kodavas at Madikeri on Nov. 26, 2017.

'Abhaya Go Yatre' arrives in city

Mysuru, Jan.3- The State-wide *'Abhaya Go Yatre,'* organised by Bharatiya Go Parivar, Karnataka, initiated by Sri Ramachandrapura Mutt and led by Sri Raghaveshwara Bharati Swamiji, arrived in city this morning.



The *'Abhaya Go Yatre'* was received by Bharatiya Go Yatre District Secretary Rakesh Bhat near Gun House Circle here in the presence of BJP leaders H.V. Rajeev, M. Mallappa Gowda, Phaneesh, Vijaya Vittala Institution's Hon. Secretary R. Vasudeva Bhat and others.

The *'Abhaya Go Yatre'* will be taken out at 4 pm from Shantisagar Complex in Kuvempunagar to Vivekananda Circle in Vivekanandanagar here where Sri Raghaveshwara Swamiji will deliver *'Go Sandesha.'*

For details, contact Mob: 94491-77677.

No power tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 3- Owing to emergency maintenance works power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 6 pm in the following areas: Lakshmipuram, Hosakeri, Sunnadakeri, Rehamanya Mohalla, Kakarawadi, D. Subbaiah Road, Dewan's Road, Ashokapuram, Krishnamurthypuram, Chamarajapuram, Ballal Circle, Chamundipuram and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC).

Committee nod must for renovating heritage structures

D. Randeep

Mysuru, Jan.3 (RK&SV)- A Special Heritage Committee meeting was held at Deputy Commissioner's Office here this morning where it was made clear that seeking permission from the Committee was mandatory before a government or a private agency takes up renovation of any heritage structure in city.

DC D. Randeep said that in order to repair or renovate any heritage building, it was compulsory to submit a proposal to the Heritage Committee and await its green signal. "Private agencies have been submitting proposals but Government agencies like Nirmithi Kendra do not submit any proposal as they have taken it for granted. This should stop. It is mandatory for even the government agency to put forward the proposal and then carry out the work after approval," the DC said.

Irrespective of whether it is a Governmental agency or Private agency, the rules stand same for all, he said. In a stern tone, Randeep said, "If Government agencies do not follow rules, how can we expect others to follow it?" He added that if there was any violation, the committee has no other option than to demolish the violated portion.

He said that the PWD, which has taken up development works in Nanjangud like road widening, building parking spaces and helipads, should also take permission by submitting a proposal to the committee as Nanjangud also falls under its jurisdiction.

V.N. Girish, Member Secretary of the Committee submitted a proposal about limiting the height of buildings on the route where the annual Dasara procession passes – from K.R. Circle to LIC Circle. His proposal stated that the height of building should conform to norms and must not overshadow the heritage structures. The committee will take a call on this proposal.

The committee also approved the proposal of constructing a war memorial opposite the DC Office Park. MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaj, Superintending Engineer Suresh Prabhu, Asst. Director of Town Planning Department Seema, Commissioner of Heritage Department Dr. Gavisiddaiah, MCC and Nirmithi Kendra officials were also present.

Andhra real estate agent accused of demolishing houses

Mysuru, Jan.3- An Andhra-based real estate agent has been accused of illegally demolishing five houses at Koppaluru village in the taluk.

Sudhara Rao, Jeevan, Jayamma, Leelavathi and Varalakshmi, all residents of Koppaluru village, in a complaint lodged with the Mysuru South Police, said that they were living in houses built on the land that they had purchased from the original owner in 1994. But Andhra-based real estate agent Shankar Naidu was out to usurp the land by creating fake documents, following which they moved the Court. The Court, which heard their petition, granted a stay in their favour.

Despite the stay order, Shankar Naidu had illegally demolished their houses, thus throwing them to the street, the complaint said.

Mysuru South Police, who have registered a case in his regard, are investigating.

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Physical Fitness test for recruitment of Excise Guards begins

Mysuru, Jan.3 (RKB&DM)- The 4-day physical fitness test for recruitment of Excise guards began at the CAR ground behind Race Course in the city this morning.

The Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) which had conducted the written test had sent the list of qualified candidates to the District Recruitment Committee, following which call letters were issued to 345 candidates, including 15 women, to appear for the Physical Fitness Test.

The test, which features 100 mts sprint & 800mt run and field events like shot put, high jump, long jump etc. will be conducted

A candidate is seen taking a leap over the horizontal bar as a part of physical fitness test held this morning.

86 candidates each day. The Recruitment Committee is headed by the Deputy Commissioner (DC) with Excise DC as Member Secretary and Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports Assistant Director Suresh as member.

Excise DC Roopa, Excise Deputy Superintendent Thammanna and other officials were present. The test will conclude on Jan.6.

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Helmet Drive intensified

(Continued from page 1)

In every nook and corner of the city this morning, cops stood at junctions and caught motorists wearing non-ISI certified headgear and half-helmets. They seized the helmets and pasted the vehicle number and phone number of the motorists. "We will keep them for a month and will wait for the owners to produce the bills for good-quality helmets," said Madaiah.

HELMET SALE PICKS UP

The crackdown also sent hundreds of motorists to shops selling helmets. Large crowds were found outside the shops with motorists eagerly buying helmets conforming to BIS standards as stipulated by the Central Motor Vehicles Act.

Star of Mysore visited over 30 shops selling helmets on the Chamaraja Double Road this morning and saw people queuing up to purchase ISI-marked head gears. Shopkeepers said that there was a spike in the sales, thanks to the 'Operation Safe Ride'.

"On an average, we used to sell 15 to 20 helmets per day and since two months we were able to sell only four to five helmets a day. Since yesterday, we are selling 50 to 100 head gears per day and the demand is seen at all the shops," said a dealer.

On the price factor, he said ISI-marked helmets are available from Rs. 400 to Rs. 3,000 and there is a huge demand for helmets ranging from Rs. 400 to Rs. 800. Several purchasers complained that shops have hiked prices that range from Rs. 50 to Rs. 150. "Traders are making money and we are the hapless victims," a buyer said.

However, dealers said that they have not increased the prices. "All the ISI-marked helmets come with price tag and that includes Maximum Retail Price (MRP) and we cannot sell a rupee more than this. The Department of Legal Metrology (Department of Weights and Measures) will raid our shops if we sell more than the MRP," another shopkeeper said.

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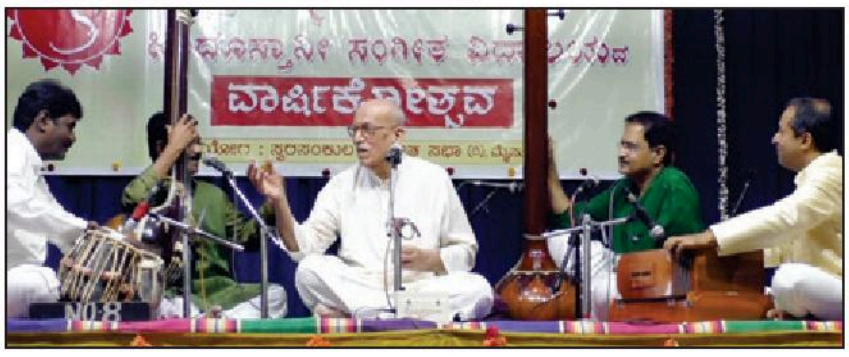
'Thaat' system of Hindustani Music

By Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Swara Sankula, the Hindustani School of Music celebrates its annual day in a unique way. It always is a combination of fervour, information and education, thus making it interesting to every young and old disciples.

It also motivates them to participate with enthusiasm. The thematic presentations throw light on many aspects of musical history making it more interesting. This year too they had called it 'Mela-sammela', which was based on the 'Thaat' system of Hindustani style of music.

This 15th anniversary of the School was held on the 24th of December at Vasudevacharya Bhavana. Pandit Veerabhadriah Hiremath, the spirit behind this school, is a well-known Harmonium player and a vocalist.



Before the commencement of the programme, **Padmavathi Nirodhi** and the students of 'Arivu' gave a short performance. Nirodhi sang two songs, 'Jnanavemba deepa hacchi' and 'Enendu bannisali' penned by her, that had heart touching lyrics. Students of 'Arivu', trained by Veerabhadriah, sang in perfect unison a few Vachanas of Allama Prabhu and Akkamahadevi.

The Karanatak music has a perfect system of 72 Melakarta Ragas known for its systematic approach. During 7th cent., it is said that the Rag-Ragini system prevailed in Hindustani music. The Rag Parivar had Male and Female Rag, their offsprings and so on. As often it could not be justified, there was a need for a more scientific and perfect Rag system to follow. Pertaining to the need, it was Sri Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande (1860-1936) who was aware of the need for a more systematic classifications of the ragas, undertook the gigantic work himself. Pandit Bhatkhande, who knew the classification of 72 Melakartha Ragas by Venkatamakhi, reclassified the Rag-Ragini system and gave 'Thaat' system to Hindustani music. He also borrowed the concept of 'Lakshana Geetha' from Venkatamakhi and wrote many Bandish to explain the grammar of the raga in an easy to understand way. The four volumes of 'Hindusthani Sangeeth Paddhathi' is a result of his hard work, research, dedication and his deep knowledge. Today all Hindustani music lovers are aware of the Thaat system. This programme explained the lakshana of ten Thaats in a nutshell and different groups of students sang a composition or Bandish.

The notes of a particular thaat, its equivalent in Karnatak music, its 'Janya' Raags that were announced beforehand were informative and made it more interesting. Rag Shankara, Durga, Hamsadhwani are some of the Janya ragas of Bilaval Thaat. 'Bijan ban me suman hai phuli' in Rag Durga was sung by the tiny tots.

Kalyan Thaat and Khamach Thaat were taken up next. 'Eri aali piya bin' was presented neatly by the students. Kafi, Bhairav , Purvi, Asavari, Marva, Todi and Bhairavi Thaats were presented by the older students. 'Dhan dhan murath' in Bhairav was sung by Sunitha Hiremath, 'Bal bal jaavu' and 'Payaliya jhankar mori' in purya dhanasri was sung by **Nithin Rajaram Shastri** and **Sameer Rao** played a cheez in Poorvakalyan (Marva Thaat) on the Bansuri. **Sriram Bhat** presented 'Prabhu ko sumar man mere' in asavari.

Pandit Indudhar Nirodi brought the curtain down with a very informative talk and impressive singing of Todi and Bhairavi. He explained the history of Rag Todi and the difference between todi, Miya ki todi and Bhairavi. Prior to 16th century, the present Bhairavi was called Todi. Miya Tansen changed a few notes and called it as 'Miya ki Todi' which is the present Bhairavi. Bilas Khan, son of Tansen changed the chalan of his fathers Todi (Bhairavi) and brought an entirely changed aesthetic to a new Raga called 'Bilas khani Todi'. 'Langar kankariya jin maro' in Miya ki Todi and 'Bhavani Dayani' in Bhairavi were presented by Pandit Nirodhi. **Veerabhadriah Hiremath** and **Dr. Bhaskar** gave vocal support.

Sunitha, Ramesh Dhannur, Parameshwar Bhat, Sriram Bhat, Harikrishna Purohit and **Veerabhadriah Hiremath** gave harmonium and tabla support.

City cops excel in Master's Athletic Meet

Mysuru, Jan. 3 - Mysuru City Police personnel excelled in the recently held 38th State Level Masters Athletic Championship at Hosakote in Bengaluru.

V. Pushpalatha of CCRB at Police Commissioner's Office, won two gold medals in High Jump and Triple Jump, silver in Long Jump and bronze in 80 mts hurdles. S. Manjunath, CAR Armed Head Constable won gold in Javelin Throw, N. Manju, CAR Armed Head Constable won gold in Hammer Throw and M.B. Nagendra, Civil Police Constable, Alanahalli Police Station won bronze in the 400 mts run.

Aryan Pathange wins doubles in Bengaluru

Aryan Pathange

Mysuru, Jan. 3 - City's Aryan Pathange partnering with Mohammed Iftikhar defeated Shane Biddaiah and Siddart Ponnala of Hyderabad 6-3, 6-2 in the final to win doubles the Men's 50K tournament organised by Namma Sportz Academy in Bengaluru, recently.

Earlier in quarterfinal, the duo defeated the team of M.S. Karthik and Surya Reddy 1-6, 6-2, 12-10. In the semifinals they beat the second seeded pair of Sachin Kumar and Shahul Anwar with a score of 6-4, 6-1. In the singles, Aryan lost in pre quarters to Sheik Mohammed Iftikhar 2-6, 4-6.

KSCA Mysore Zonal League

Madan Mohan, Mohith excel

Mysuru Jan.3 - Centuries by middle-order batsman Madan Mohan (147,10x4) and B. Mohith (108, 6x4) and their valuable 248-run fourth wicket partnership helped Mohan's XI to gain the vital first innings points against SKRSC, KR Nagar, in the two-day drawn I Division League Match played at the SDNR Wadiyar Stadium at Manasagangothri, here recently.

The Scores: Mohan's XI 345 for seven decl. in 76 overs (Madan Mohan 147, B. Mohith 108, B. Poornachandra two for 52, Bhoja Raj two for 15) drew with SKR SC, KR Nagar 237 in 82.5 overs (Srinivas 78, B. Poornachandra 33, H.C. Anup Gowda 30 n.o, K.V. Ganesh 20, Hanumanthu four for 35) & 152 for eight in 51 overs (K.V. Ganesh 46, B. Poornachandra 31, Ravikumar 25, Madan Mohan three for 51, Hanumanthu three for 51, B. Mohith two for 18).

FMKMC College wins MI7s Football Tournament

Mysuru, Jan. 3 - As a prelude to the Annual State Level Academic and Cultural Fest MICAnvas '18, Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts (MICA) hosted the 4th edition of MI7s floodlight football tournament on Dec. 29 at its premises recently.

More than 20 teams from Mysuru and Kodagu took part in the tournament which witnessed some fierce and closely fought matches. Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa (FMKMC) College of Madikeri and SBRR Mahajana FGC made it to the finals in which FMKMC reigned supreme defeating Mahajana FGC 2 – 0.

The winners will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 8,000 along with a trophy and certificates. While the runner-up team will be awarded Rs. 6000 along with a trophy and certificates on the MICAnvas '18 Cultural Fest to be held on Jan. 5 at the college.

Sri Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tournament

Dhananjaya shines for Saraswathipuram CC

Mysuru, Jan.3 - Excellent bowling by medium-pacer S. Dhananjaya (six for eight) helped Saraswathipuram SC to register a facile seven wicket win over SWRI, Mysuru South (Workshop) in their second round match of Sri. Gopalaswami Memorial Cricket Tournament conducted by KSCA Mysuru Zone at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium at Manasagangothri, here yesterday.

The Scores: SWRI Mysuru South (Workshop) 75 in 26.4 overs (Dhananjaya six for eight, N. Santhosh two for 10) lost to Saraswathipuram SC 76 for three in 12.4 overs (Gautham Sreeja 27 n.o., Dhananjaya Kumar two for 31).

Bhopal International GM Chess Tournament

Girish fares well

Bhopal, Jan.3- IM Girish A. Koushik taking part in the Bhopal International GM Chess Tournament 2017 organised by Sports Youth Welfare Department and Academy of Chess Education, Bhopal, from Dec. 21-28 fared well by securing 7.5 points from ten rounds and secured 11th place in the tournament.

GM Nguyen Duc Hoa of Vietnam with 8.5 points won the title. IM Yeoh Li Tian (MAL-8-52.75) finished second while GM Tran Tuan Minh (VIE-8-52.25) secured the third place.

Girish A Koushik had wins over Karthik Sai (AP), Sounak De (WB), Panesar Vedant (MAH), Kumar Gaurav (BHR), K. Senthilmaran (TN) and M. Spenser (ZAIM) and drew with M. Pranesh (TN), GM Nguyen Duc Hoa (VIE) and B. Sekar (TN).

Annual Sports Meet held at Teresian PU College

Mysuru, Jan. 3 - Teresian Pre University College held its annual sports meet at the college grounds in Siddarthanagar, here recently.

The meet kicked off with the hoisting the College Sports Flag by chief guest Rev. Dr. Sr. Genevieve, Academic Adviser, Teresian Institution, Mysuru.

Later, the sport meet was inaugurated by National Level Basketball Player B.P. Lavanya. Rev. Sr. Prafula, Principal, Teresian Pre University College, Rev. Sr. Anjali, Manager, Teresian Institutions, Mysuru, Rev. Dr. Sr. Sajitha, Director, Teresian Institution were the guests of honour.

V. Sadhana, Sports Committee Member, Teresian College, Mysore, were welcome the guest, Dr. Anto Richard, Sports Committee Member, Teresian PU College, Anthony Moses, Physical Education Director, Teresian PU College were present.

Athletic events such as 100 Mts sprint, 200 Mts sprint, 1500 Mts run, Walking Race, Shot Put, High Jump, Long Jump, 4X100 Mts, Relay, Discus Throw and Non-Sports events such as Lemon & Spoon Race, Gunny Bag Race, Australian Trolley were conducted by the college.

Red House secured the Best March Past Group Rolling Trophy scoring 71 points and was followed by Yellow House with 63 Points.

Annual Day celebrations at city schools

GSSS SCHOOL AND COLLEGE, SIDDARTHANAGAR: *Geetha Koushalam,* the Annual Day of GSSS School and College, Siddarthanagar, was held recently based on the theme *'Jeevana Moulyani.'*

Dr. K.R. Ramesh, Asst. Director, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Garden, Mysuru, was the chief guest. Mysore Anand, Comedy Artiste, Mysuru, was the guest of honour. B.V. Srinivas Gupta, Vice-President, GSSS, presided over the function.

Vanaja B. Pandit, Hon. Secretary, GSSS, Rathnamma Kenchegowda, Founder-Member, GSSS, Anupama Pandit, AAO and B.K. Nataraj, Member & Co-ordinator, were present.

Sumana Priyavratha, Head Mistress, welcomed the gathering. The School annual report was read by A.V. Sudha, Principal and College annual report was read by Dr. S. Raviraja, Principal.

Kalavatika, an Art Exhibition, attracted the gathering.

Scholarships, General Proficiency awards and Inter-House Competition prizes were distributed to students.

SSRPUC, VIJAYANAGAR 2ND STAGE: Sadvidya Semi-Residential PU College (SSR PUC) celebrated its Annual Day aptly titled 'Samoda' recently.

The event commenced with the invocation, followed by welcome address by Dr. M.T. Govinde Gowda, Principal, SSR PUC. Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, VC, KSGH Music and Arts University, Mysuru, was the chief guest. She spoke how one must work hard to achieve success in their life.

The other dignitaries present during the event were R. Vijayashekhar, President of Kaveri Charitable Trust (KCT), M.D. Gopinath, Secretary, KCT, and Prof. K.S. Hiriyanna, In-charge of SSRPUC, Trustee and Academic Committee Member.

L. Shobha, Cultural Committee Co-ordinator, presented annual report. The students were presented with Endowment cash prize for showing academic excellence in 2016-2017. Sadvidya High School has been started recently in the same premises. The High School students of 9th std. were also given prizes for their achievements in different events conducted in 2017.

A razzmatazz of colours, a bevy of performances and a whirlpool of talent defined 'Rhythm-17.'

The cultural event commenced with a dance-drama aptly titled 'Srinivasa Kalyana.'

From a short skit 'Mad Ads' to group song by the lecturers to a semi-classical fusion dance, it added colour to the occasion.

The fashion show showcasing the haute couture 'Paper', designed by the students, saw them looking confident in their strides.

ACHARYA VIDYA KULA: *Kala Sangama,* the Annual School Day of Acharya Vidya Kula was held at Kalakshetra, the Open Air Theatre at the School campus, recently.

Dr. M.A. Jayashree, Director, Anantha Research Foundation, Mysuru, was the chief guest. President Andal S. Charry, Secretary Vijaya Satish, Administrator S.M. Acharya, Founder-Trustee Padmini Sridhar, Members of the Governing Board, Principal B.T. Sarojini, Vice-Principal Sudha M. Kumar, students and parents were present.

Students of standard I to V presented a cultural programme comprising dance, drama and group songs, all based on the theme 'Guru.'

JSS PUBLIC SCHOOL, SIDDARTHANAGAR: The 27th Annual Day with theme 'Spectrum of Beats' was celebrated at the School premises recently with pomp and show. Zilla Panchayat CEO P. Shivashankar, who was the chief guest, spoke about the importance of nurturing moral values for the all-round development of the children and about inculcating questioning ability.

Former KIKS Professor Dr. Pradhan Gurudatta, in his valedictory address, opined that JSS institution has reached Himalayan heights in the contribution towards education.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Secretary-1 S.P. Manjunath, in his Presidential address, acknowledged the efforts of staff, students and parents in the growth of the School. He stressed that the parents should monitor the proper usage of electronic gadgets.

Anniversary celebrations at St. Mary's on Jan.5

Mysuru, Jan.3- A programme has been organised at St. Mary's Institutions (High School, St. Mary's PU College and St. Joseph's Central School), H.D. Kote, on Jan.5 at 4 pm to mark its anniversary celebrations and to inaugurate the new School building.

Bishop of Mysuru Diocese Rev. Dr. K.A. William will preside over the function.

Rev. Fr. J.B. Xavier, Rev. Fr. Dr. Arogyaswamy, Sr. Mary Mendonsa, Sr. Jyothi Preethi, Mysuru ZP President Nayeema Sulthana, H.D. Kote Taluk Panchayat President Manjula Devanna, Municipal Council President Manjula Govindachar, Standing Committee Chairman H.C. Narasimhamurthy, Municipal Council Member Anil Kumar, H.D. Kote Police Circle Inspector P.M. Harish, H.D. Kote BEO S. Sundar, H.D. Kote's Catholic Christ Community President Stephen Siddu and Ramenahalli School Head Master Shivaswamy will be the chief guests, according to a press release.

Louis Braille Award presentation tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan.3 (KS)- Vikala Vikaasa, an organisation working for the differently-abled, as part of World Braille Day will be presenting Vikala Vikaasa Louis Braille Award on Jan. 4 at 11.30 am at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city.

Louis Braille

The event will be inaugurated by Mysore University In-charge VC Prof. C. Basavaraju. The award will be presented to *Deccan Herald* columnist Subramani by Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras. Mysore District Journalists Association (MDJA) President C.K. Mahendra will preside.

MMK&SDM GIRLS PU COLLEGE: The Annual Day of the college was celebrated with DDPU V.R. Shamala as the chief guest. Actor Mandya Ramesh was the special invitee. Degree College Principal Prof. Sainath Malligemaadu was the guest of honour. PU College Principal Prof. M.V. Asha presided over the function.

Chief guest Shamala motivated the students to take interest in academic studies and reach greater heights in their future. In her speech she referred to Marie Curie and encouraged the students to take inspiration from her.

On this occasion, guests distributed the prizes to the winners of various cultural and sports activities conducted in the academic year 2017-18.

Bindushree welcomed. Sahana Edigar read out the messages from the dignitaries who were unable to attend the programme. Mansitha proposed a vote of thanks. Chandana was the Master of Ceremony. The formal function was followed by various cultural events performed by the students.

Wi-Fi facility for 2,500 Gram Panchayats in Karnataka

Bengaluru, Jan. 3 (KMS&BCT)- The State Cabinet has approved a mega project where over 2,500 Gram Panchayats across Karnataka will get Wi-Fi connections. The State has over 6,019 Gram Panchayats.

Once implemented, the initiative will dramatically take forward the digital and mobile-governance drive of the State. It will also put an end to rampant corruption at grassroots levels and at the same time provide government services including issuance of BPL cards in a speedy and efficient manner.

Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had set aside Rs. 50 crore for the project and Karnataka will be among the first to take up a Wi-Fi project at the Gram Panchayat level. The authorities have been testing Wi-Fi at 11 Gram Panchayats in Mysuru, Gadag and Kalaburagi districts from November 2016 and the response has been good and people are ready to accept it, said Minister for Information Technology and Tourism Priyank Kharge.

The project is being implemented by the State-run Keonics along with BSNL. "There is already a skeletal network due to the Bapuji Kendras and e-governance kiosks at the Gram Panchayats. We are enhancing that and will complete the broadband facility for the 2,500 Gram Panchayats," Kharge outlined. There are also plans to provide Wi-Fi in schools and colleges nearby and even homes, if people want it.

The project would ensure the successful roll-out of e-governance projects of the government. In addition, various government departments and agencies can use this network to provide public services to the citizens who can avail them. Information related to agriculture, weather, market etc. would be online. Applications in tele-medicines, tele-education, e-commerce, e-banking etc. would be within the reach of citizens.

Kharge also said that the future strategy of the Wi-Fi project will be decided after analysing usage patterns from the three-month pilot test.

"We have also signed up with BSNL to give last mile connectivity to any entrepreneur or to any NGO or any educational institutions, whenever they require it," Kharge added.

He also clarified that the Wi-Fi project is a fully government funded project as of now, although the government is open to private partnerships as well in future. With more than 90% of the State's villages covered under the Bharatnet programme of the State-owned BSNL, providing Wi-Fi services to the villages did not pose much of a challenge, officials said.

Wi-Fi services will be provided up to a range of 1 kilometre from the Gram Panchayat office. Villagers can browse the internet at high speeds for the first 100 MB after which there would be a speed reduction or a fee. Connectivity to rural areas will propel mobile connectivity and services like m-commerce, m-banking etc.

Land for betel leaves growers

The State Cabinet has also decided to sanction land for betel leaves growers at Sewage Farm in Mysuru. Over 245 betel leaves growers will be sanctioned 5 guntas each and over 30.25 acres of land will be released.

The Cabinet has given administrative approval to revise the allocation to construct Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Bhavan in Mysuru to Rs. 20 crore.

BIFFes 2018: No screening of movies in Mysuru

Organisers cite poor response last year despite transport and accommodation arrangements

Bengaluru, Jan. 3 - Mysureans will miss classics and movie masterpieces screened as part of the Bengaluru International Film Festival (BIFFes) this year as the organisers have decided not to screen any movies in Mysuru due to poor response last year.

The 10th Edition of BIFFes will be held in Bengaluru from Feb. 22 to March 1 and this time, unlike the previous years, there will be no screening in Mysuru.

Last year, some movies were screened at Inox in Mall of Mysore, as part of the festival and there was poor response. Following this, the organisers had decided to pull out from Mysuru in 2018.

Reacting on the issue, Karnataka Chalanachitra Academy Chairman S.T. Rajendra Singh Babu had said the organisers were not happy with the poor response to the festival in Mysuru last year and hence had decided to restrict the festival to Bengaluru and a final decision would be taken after holding a meeting with CM Siddharamaiah and Tourism Minister Priyank Kharge.

Now, it has been confirmed that even screenings of movies would not be held in Mysuru. "The CM has clearly said that since it is Bengaluru film festival, it should be restricted to Bengaluru. So, there is no debate. Decision has been taken by the committee chaired by the CM to hold it only in Bengaluru," said P. Manivannan, Secretary of Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR). The decision was taken so that the festival could be held in a better manner, said Department Director Dr. P.S. Harsha.

Earlier, at the release of the festival's logo, it had been announced that unlike previous years, the valedictory function would not be held in Mysuru, but was said that screening of films would be held in both cities.

The festival is scheduled to be held in Bengaluru at Orion Mall from Feb. 22 to March 1. Last year, the closing ceremony was held in Mysuru, with transport and accommodation arrangements made for delegates coming from Bengaluru. However, the response was not up to the mark with many giving the function a miss.

The festival committee is considering a move to add a few more screens at a second venue, possibly in Mantri Mall, Bengaluru. At a press meet yesterday, Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) called for the State's film industry to take an off on Feb. 22 and Mar. 1 to attend the opening and closing ceremonies of BIFFes.

Helping Hands donates TV, cooker to Cheluvamba Children's Hospital

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (KS) - Helping hands, a Jain Youth organisation, which celebrated the third anniversary of its *'Kabutar Daan'* project on Jan. 1, donated a 32 inches TV and a 40 litres cooker to Cheluvamba Children's Hospital in city.

Lauding the initiatives taken up by Helping Hands, MMC&RI Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) B.G. Indiramma said that mothers can now see how to take care of their newborn babies through the pen drive fitted to the TV and added that Government Hospitals are now equipped with modern machineries with latest technologies with expert doctors attending to patients.

Helping Hands President Mahaveer Khabiya, Secretary Anand Patwa, Treasurer Rajan Baghmar, Trustees Past President Manoj Surana, Dinesh Singhvi, Members Manoharlal Sankla, Goutham Patwa, Abhishek Baghmar, Sunil Patwa, Dinesh Bohra, Jambu Lodha, Sampath Baghmar, Goutham Patwa, Vijay Bohra, Dharmichand Mutha, Deepak Bohra, Goutham Dagaliya, Jaichand Ranka, Chandan Bohra, Prakash Gandhi, Advocate Goutham Singhvi, Mohan Kumar, HOD of Pediatrics Dr. Sudha Rudrappa, Dr. Nagendra, Nursing Superintendent Saroja, Nurses Shanti, Hema, Usha and others were present.

Guest lecturers to stage symbolic protest in front of District Minister's house

Mysuru, Jan.3- Seeking job security and fulfilment of other demands, Guest Lecturers under the banner of Government First Grade Colleges Guest Lecturers Association, will stage a symbolic protest in front of the District Minister's residence in city at 11am tomorrow (Jan.4). Similar demonstrations will be simultaneously held in front of the residences of respective District Minister of all districts in the State, according to a release.

RTO services to go online soon

Mysuru, Jan. 3 - Soon, the RTOs in the State will provide services online as all the 61 transport offices in Karnataka will adopt *Vahan 4* software, which allows people to apply for several services online.

Transport Secretary B. Basavaraju gave a green signal for the transition at Ramanagaram RTO office yesterday. "The new software allows people to get services at their homes. On an average, Ramanagaram RTO registers 120 vehicles every day. The number for the entire State is 4,000.

Mysuru Police to help get Driving Licences

Meanwhile, the Mysuru City Police and the Transport Department (RTO West) will issue driving licences to eligible persons in a special drive on Jan. 9. Interested persons coming under the jurisdiction of RTO (West) must submit relevant documents to the K.R. Traffic Police Station for verification on or before Jan. 8.

Once their documents are verified, they need to apply for Learners Licence (LLR) on Jan. 9 and their applications will be sent to the RTO office.

The applicant must be an Indian citizen and must be above 18 years. They must be physically and mentally fit and people above 40 years must submit a medical fitness certificate. Four passport-sized photographs, age proof documents and Aadhaar Card for address proof must also be submitted.

For details, contact K.R. Traffic Police on Ph: 0821-2418330.

Bengaluru-based land developer's valuables stolen at city hotel

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (PM&KS) - Cash and gold ornaments of a Bengaluru-based land developer, who had come to city to celebrate New Year and stayed at Lalitha Mahal Hotel has been reportedly stolen from the room he was staying on Sunday night.

The person who lost his cash and gold has been identified as Rakesh. He along with his family had checked into Room No. 204 at Lalitha Mahal Hotel on Sunday.

On Sunday night, Rakesh who locked the room, went out to celebrate New Year and returned to the room at about 1.30 am. He kept his 30 grams gold bracelet and a bag containing Rs. 11,000 cash on the table and went to sleep.

When he woke up at about 7.45 am, he found his bracelet and the cash bag missing and later lodged a complaint at Alanahalli Police Station.

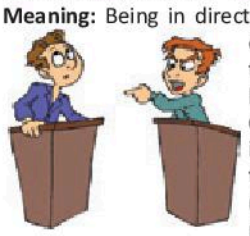
Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case are investigating.

WORD OF THE DAY

Antithetical

Pronunciation: an-tuh-THET-ih-kul

Meaning: Being in direct and unequivocal opposition: directly opposite; constituting or marked by antithesis: pertaining to rhetorical contrast of ideas by means of parallel arrangements of words, clauses, or sentences.



Origin: Antithetical and antithesis entered English in the 16th century. Their etymological paths pass through Late Latin and ultimately lead to Greek (the Greek words antitithenai and antithesis mean "to oppose" and "opposition," respectively). The oldest sense of the English antithesis refers to a language pattern that contrasts parallel ideas, as in "action, not words" or "a time to plant, a time to reap." Antithetical can mean "constituting or marked by such language patterns." For example, you could say "The phrase 'action, not words' is an antithetical construction." In its more frequent use, antithetical describes something that contradicts the logic or spirit of something else.

THE ODD WORD

Quoz

Absurd person or thing.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

I see you stand like greyhounds in the slips

Meaning: I see you are ready and anxious to depart.

Origin: The slips are the slip collars that are worn by greyhounds when they are about to be raced. When the dogs were used for hunting (coursing) these collars allowed the huntsmen to free a pair of dogs at a moment's notice. The allusion in the phrase is to soldiers who are anxious to charge into battle. The line comes towards the end of the famous 'once more into the breach' speech from Shakespeare's Henry V, 1598:

KING HENRY V:

I see you stand like greyhounds in the slips,
Straining upon the start. The game's afoot:
Follow your spirit, and upon this charge
Cry 'God for Harry, England, and Saint George!

QUOTE BOX

Your principle should be to see everything and say nothing. The world changes so rapidly that if you want to get on you cannot afford to align yourself with any person or point of view.

— Khushwant Singh

RIDDLE THIS

Answer the riddle below:

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Answer: Tenures (10 Yours).

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Answer to previous puzzle

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1	6	8	4	7	3	2	9	5
4	2	3	5	8	9	1	7	6
9	7	5	1	6	2	3	8	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 In addition
4 Lightning user from Heavens above?
8 Wrong doing
12 Reg. Sales Mngr.
13 Mammal of the rabbit family
14 Summit
15 Spanish queen who was Columbus's patroness
17 He is able to ___ : he can manage?
18 Ex-Indian all rounder ___ Prabhakar
19 Young Men's Christian Association, in short
21 Pseudonym of Charles Dickens
23 Petty ruler
27 Tenth std. exams
30 Bleat of a sheep
32 Noses or bills of birds
33 Golfer's stick
35 Vada ___ : Mumbai's favourite snack
37 Travels on long slender runners, as for sport.
38 Extravagant, fantastic
40 Poke or push
42 Tolkien's tree like creature
43 Circlet of leaves
45 A unit length used to ascertain the linear density of yarns
47 Tow
49 Fragrant herb
53 Peaceful, unruffled or tranquillity
56 Takes it easy on the bed, should we say? (4,4)
58 In short, "American National Standards Institute"?
59 County between the Thames and Sussex
60 Net asset value, abbr.
61 Broken-down remains
62 Nav. readings
63 Observe secretively or furtively especially with hostile intent

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	B	C	D		B	O	N	A		E	G	O
T	Y	R	E		U	D	I	T		Y	E	S
U	R	A	L		R	E	M	O	D	E	L	S
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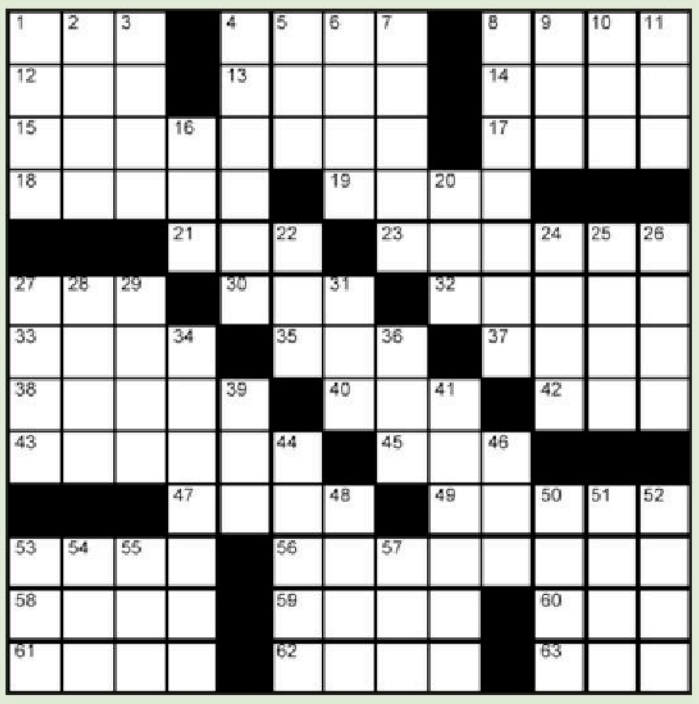
			G	O	T	B	Y		T	I	O	S
A	R	I	E	T	T	A		P	Y	G	M	Y
B	A	N		H	E	L	L	O		H	A	N
B	I	T	T	S		S	P	E	C	T	R	E
A	L	I	E		M	A	L	M	O			
		M	I	T	E		A	S	S	A	Y	S
S	T	A	L	W	A	R	T		T	R	A	P
S	A	T		O	T	O	E		A	N	N	E
W	E	E		S	S	E	S		L	O	G	Y

DOWN

1 Shave or shear
2 Greek peak
3 Arabian gulf country
4 On __ __ : at work or in the course of doing the work? (3,3)
5 Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, acronym
6 Paris airport
7 Measures of sheets of paper
8 Evacuates, abdicates or pulls out
9 BSE deal
10 Brown-capped boletus mushroom - "EPC" anagram?
11 River of Devon
16 Cropped hairstyle
20 Taxi in America?
22 Vaporize
24 Scrape or gather
25 Related
26 Surreptitious call for another's attention
27 Large barge
28 Snide remark
29 Pretty or attractive
31 RK's Kal __ Aur Kal
34 Member of the upper caste even in modern day India
36 Valerie's pet name?
39 Estimatedtimeofarrival,inshort
41 Brutes or blackguards; animals
44 Rusting ships' bodies
46 A very common conjunction
48 Remains on the ground
50 Electrically charged particles
51 Exchange or barter
52 Grudging feeling
53 Engine-driven four-wheeler
54 Music director Malik
55 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
57 Compass dir.



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

RYZD TZNNDTT JT FXDYNFHJPU RBD VDLY FV

ODJPU ZPTZNNDTTVZS

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Anjani Putra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Chamak	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Mufti	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
O Prema Devathe	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
HINDI			
Haunted Resort	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
Tiger Zinda Hai	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Sakka Podu Podu Raja	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Velaikkaran	Padma	2521923	4 Shows

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Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	11.00 am, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	7.15 pm
Anjani Putra (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7
The Greatest Showman (E)	(S-2)	11.00 am, 9.55 pm
Balloon (Ta)	(S-2)	1.10 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4.10 pm, 7
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Okka Kshanam (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-4)	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm
		7.00 pm, 9.55 pm

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Anjani Putra (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm, 4 pm, 6.50 pm
Tiger Zinda Hai (H)	(S-1)	12.25 pm, 6.20 pm
	(S-2)	9.45 am, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	3.50 pm
Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (E-3D)		
	(S-1)	10 am, 3.50 pm, 9.40 pm
Chamak (K)	(S-3)	10 am, 1.00 pm, 6.45 pm
MCA (Middle Class Abbayi) (Te)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
The Greatest Showman (E)	(S-4)	10.25 am, 7.10 pm
Hello (Te)	(S-3)	4.00 pm
Balloon (Ta)	(S-4)	12.45 pm
Velaikkaran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.30 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Jeet Gayi to Piyaa Morey	7:00 pm Tu Sooraj Main Saanjh Piyaji	7:30 pm Mere Sai
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	8:00 Vighnaharta Ganesh
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 Rishton Ka Chakravyuh	8:30 Porus
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Ikyawann	9:00 Rishta Likhenge Hum Naya
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	9:30 Haasil
9:30 Kundali Bhagya	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	10:00 Ek Deewana Tha
		10:30 Yeh Un Dinon Ki Baat Hai
6:00 pm Man Vs. Wild	6:00pm Premier Badminton	6:00pm Extreme Ice
7:00 How It's Made	6:30 Premier Badminton	7:00 You Can't Lick Your Elbow : Tunnels
7:30 Fail Army	6:50 Premier Badminton League 2017/18s	8:00 South Africa : Clash of the currents
8:00 Man Vs. Wild	9:30 Sri Lanka Tour of India 2017	9:00 Primal Survivor
9:00 Diesel Brothers	10:00 The Virat Year 2017	10:00 Body Hack
10:00 Man Vs. Wild	10:30 ICC Cricket 360	11:00 The Last Days of Osama Bin
11:00 Naked and Afraid	11:00 South Africa Tour of India 2015	
6:00pm Oggy and the Cockroaches	7:00 pm Mahaganapathi	7:00 pm Kaveri
7:00 Roll No. 21	7:30 Ennu Swantham Jaani	7:30 Avalu
8:30 Oggy and the Cockroaches	8:00 Avaril Oraal	8:00 Nandini
9:00 Teen Titans Go	8:30 Shaneeswaran	9:00 Jeevanadhi
9:30 Horrid Henry	9:00 Nandini	9:30 Doddamane Sose
10:00 Ben 10	9:30 Ayalathe Sundari	10:00 Sarayoo
	10:00 Premam	10:30 Udaya Singer Junior

MOVIES TONIGHT

6:37pm Thor 2: The Dark World	4:56pm Iron Man	6:05 pm Austin Powers
9:00 Spider-Man	7:13 The Tuxedo	7:32 Blue Lagoon
11:36 Armageddon	9:00 Suicide Squad	9:00 Haywire
	11:0 Dante's Peak	10:36 Iron Man
5:52pm Dangerous Khiladi 6	5:56pm Housefull	4:00pm Teleshopping
8:55 Son Of Satyamurthy	9:00 Businessman 2	7:00 Teleshopping Telemart
11:47 Double Attack 2	11:54 Tripura	8:30 Loha
6:25pm Passengers	4:00pm Balida Mane	4:50pm Hero No. 1
9:00 Fast and Furious 6	7:30 Kariya	7:55 Sangili Bungili Darwaza Khol
11:53 The Man with the Iron Fists	10:00 Ee Hrudaya Ninagi	11:00 Kick

Thrissur Brothers perform at Suttur Mutt

Thrissur Brothers — Krishna Mohan and Ramkumar Mohan — presenting Karnatak vocal music concert in the Suttur Mutt premises at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Monday as part of Monthly Moonlight Music. He is accompanied by Vid. Thrissur Mohan on mridanga and Vid. Kovai Suresh on ghata.

EVENTS TODAY (JAN.3)

JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Expo-sum-Sale of pure handloom products, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**

Sri Andal Mandiram Trust: Dhanurmasa puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Mandiram premises, V.V. Puram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Hebbar Srivaishnava Upasabha, Sri Goda Govinda Seva Samiti and Sri Vaishnava Sabha: 'Tiruppavai Kaalakshepa' (Sri Godopanishath) programme, discourse by Vidu. Janaki Sheshadri, Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Kantharaj Urs Road, Saraswathipuram, **5.30 pm to 7 pm.**

Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha: Parur M.S. Gopal Krishna Memorial Concert, Karnatak Classical Vocal by Vid. T.V. Sankaranarayanan, accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar - Violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar - Mridanga, Vid. Sharath Kaushik - Ghata, Sangeetha Kalanidhi K. Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6 pm.**

Sri Mahajana Sabha, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, Mysuru and The Hebbar Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam: Tirupavai Discourse by Vid. Shelvanarayana, Melukote, Krishnamurthypuram Sri Rama Mandira, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple: Discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Dr. G.V. Narasimhan, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, K.R. Mohalla, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN.4)

Marimallappa's PU College: Valedictory of Cultural and Sports Forum (2017-18), Marimallappa's Educational Institution Hon. President S. Paramashivaiah presides, valedictory address by Dr. B.N. Raveesh, DDPU V.R. Shyamala chief guest, prize distribution by Marimallappa's Educational Institution Hon. Secretary Prof. K.N. Panchakshara Swamy, Kalamandira, **9.30 am.**

JSS Mysuru Urban Haat: Exhibition-sum-Sale of pure handloom products from weavers across the country, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Vikala Vikasa: 209 Louis Braille birth anniversary celebrations and presentation of Vikala Vikasa Louis Braille Award - 2018, University of Mysore in-Charge VC Prof. C. Basavaraju inaugurates, MDJA President C.K. Mahendra presides, Journalist L. Subramani receives award from Fr. Rev. Leslie Moras, Pathrakartara Bhavan, Tyagaraja Road, **11.30 am.**

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AIR ON THURSDAY

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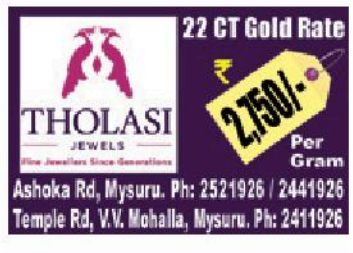

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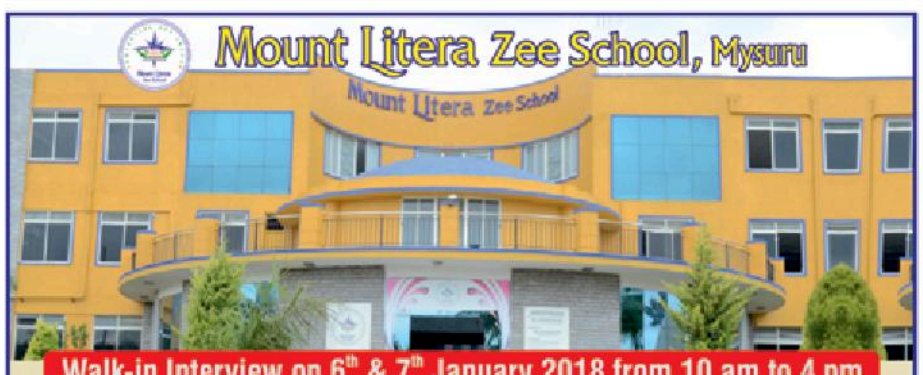

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Please treat this as a personal invitation, attend the ceremony and pray for the departed soul.
Smt. Sudhamohanraj
Deeply mourned by: Dr. C.S. Mohanraj, son C.M. Sooraj, daughter-in-law Dr. Rashmi B.R., daughter C.M. Supriya, Son-in-law C. Sathish, grandson Poorab, family members & friends.
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